



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1189

January Session, 2011

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AN ACT CONCERNING STATE CONTRACTING AND A DISPARITY STUDY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Administrative Services shall, within available appropriations and in
3 consultation with the Commission on Human Rights and
4 Opportunities, conduct a disparity study. The study shall generate
5 statistical data concerning the state's current set-aside program,
6 established under section 4a-60g of the general statutes, to determine
7 whether its current form achieves the goal of facilitating the
8 participation in state contracts of small contractors and businesses
9 owned by a minority or an individual with a disability. The study shall
10 include, but not be limited to, examining:

11 (1) Whether there is significant evidence of past or continuing
12 discrimination in the way that the state's contracting duties are
13 executed;

14 (2) The number of small contractors or businesses owned by a
15 minority or an individual with a disability that are qualified for
16 eligibility for state contracts and a determination of whether such
17 businesses are legitimately owned by a minority or an individual with
18 a disability; and

19 (3) The state's contracting processes to determine if there are any
 20 unintentional but existing barriers in the process that prevent small
 21 contractors and businesses owned by a minority or an individual with
 22 a disability from fully participating in the state's contracting process.

23 (b) Not later than January 1, 2012, the Commissioner of
 24 Administrative Services shall submit the commissioner's findings
 25 concerning such study and any recommendations for legislative action
 26 concerning such study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
 27 4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the
 28 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
 29 government administration.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In subsection (a) a reference to section 4a-60g was added for clarity, in subsection (a) "businesses" was changed to "contractors" to conform with the statutorily defined term and in subsection (a)(3) "procurement" was changed to "contracting" for internal consistency.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*